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TO: PRIORITY TEHRAN.

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AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM HOUSTON AND MAURY

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1. WE HAVE ASKED BEN-VENISTE TO ADDRESS REQUEST FOR YOUR TRAVEL TO SECSTATE EYES ONLY AND HAVE COORDINATED WITH MIKLOS. JOHN GREANEY WILL HAVE MATERIAL READY FOR YOU ANY TIME AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL. HIS HOME TELEPHONE IS AC 301 654-0675. LET US KNOW WHERE YOU PLAN TO STAY AND WHETHER YOU WILL WANT TO WORK OUT HERE OR ELSEWHERE.

2. WE ARE ARRANGING TO SEND YOUR LETTER AS REVISED IN TEHRAN [] TO MR. JAWORSKI. TOM KARAMESSINES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME AND WE ARE MEETING WITH HIM MONDAY, THE 19TH, TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE. AT THAT TIME HE MAY WANT TO CALL YOU BUT HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS AC 703-534-1325.

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3. IN CONNECTION WITH ST. GEORGE ARTICLE ALL OUR INFORMATION IS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR RECOLLECTION THAT YOU HAD NO CONVERSATION WITH A WATCH OFFICER AT CIA HEADQUARTERS. ST. GEORGE WAS QUERIED BY WOOLSEY ON WEDNESDAY AND SAID HIS INFORMATION CAME FROM A FORMER HIGH RANKING OFFICER WHO WAS IN A POSITION TO KNOW AND STILL HAS CONTACTS WITH AGENCY. SOUNDS LIKE MARCHETTI. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ST. GEORGE IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR SYMINGTON THROUGH SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE FILES WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH OUR INFORMATION

4. COMMITTEE PRESENT PLAN IS TO HEAR FROM ST. GEORGE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FULL COMMITTEE MORNING OF 16 NOVEMBER FOLLOWED BY AGENCY WITNESS WHO WILL TESTIFY ON:

A. CONTENTS OF AFFIDAVITS OF WATCH OFFICERS OF VARIOUS DIRECTORATES ON DUTY 17 JUNE 1972 CERTIFYING THEY AT NO TIME HAD ANY CONVERSATION WITH YOU SUCH AS DESCRIBED BY ST. GEORGE.

B. DETAILED HISTORY OF AGENCY ASSOCIATIONS WITH MARTINEZ.

5. WOOLSEY ASSURES US COMMITTEE WILL PRESS ST. GEORGE VIGOROUSLY ON IDENTITY OF DUTY OFFICER ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN CONVERSATION WITH YOU MORNING 17 JUNE 1972. WE UNABLE TO

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PERSUADE WOOLSEY TO PRESS FOR IDENTITY OF ST. GEORGE'S OWN INFORMANT SINCE WOOLSEY FEELS ST. GEORGE IS ENTITLED TO PROTECT HIS SOURCE.

6. IN VIEW INDICATIONS THAT KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR PLANNED RETURN 24 NOVEMBER IS ALREADY LEAKING FROM SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, WE ARE INFORMING SYMINGTON AND NEDZI IMMEDIATELY.

7. IN VIEW LIKELIHOOD COMMITTEE MAY WISH MAKE PUBLIC REBUTTAL OF ST. GEORGE ALLEGATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 16 NOVEMBER HEARING, REQUEST YOU AUTHORIZE RELEASE RELEVANT PASSAGES FROM TEHERAN 21673.

8. PROBLEM OF TELEPHONE LOGS IS THAT APPARENTLY NO ONE THOUGHT OF THEM EARLIER. MANY OF US DID NOT KNOW THEY EXISTED AND THOSE WHO DID APPARENTLY DID NOT CONNECT THEM WITH THE PROBLEM. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO DATE.

9. ONE NEW DEVELOPMENT. MERRILL OF JAWORSKI STAFF HAS ASKED TO TALK TO ESTERLINE APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH MARTINEZ AND ALSO TO ANGLETON AS TO WHETHER HE VISITED HUNT'S OFFICE, ROOM 16. INCIDENTLY, YOUR IRRITATION IS NOT ONLY UNDERSTOOD BUT FULLY SHARED. WARM REGARDS. ~~EZIMDET.~~

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